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REMARKS

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1. On 25 December, the Norddeutsche Maschinenfabrik on Industrie Strasse, Luckenwalde, was occupied by about 800 to 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

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2. On 25 December, Stalag I, west of Luckenwalde, was occupied by about 200 to 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

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3. On 25 December, Stalag II, west of Luckenwalde, was occupied by about 300 to 400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. On 8 December, about 80 soldiers left the installation toward the firing range. On 8 December, a rocket launcher was seen en route toward the installation. On 25 December, a sentry observed at the ammunition depot about 80 meters north of Stalag II wore red-bordered black epaulets. The fenced-in area covered about 0.75 hectare. Four recently built concrete basements and earthbunkers of about 20 meters length and 5 meters width were determined in the ammunition depot.²

4. On 25 December, the following observations were made at the training area near Luckenwalde:

A house with machinery utilized for the moving targets of the firing range was south of Jagen (forest section) No 46. By means of cable winches dummy tanks on sleigh mounts were moved for AT firing practice. The cable was 800 to 1,000 meters long. An embankment, 200 meters long, which served as target wall, was located in Jagen No 40. The target range for infantry weapons was in Jagen No 16. On 10 and 11 December, an AT unit from Jueterbog conducted an advanced combat practice firing.

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5. On 21 December, the former Norddeutsche Maschinenfabrik was occupied by an instruction unit. From 12 to 20 December, about 40 to 50 troops were receiving training in firing at the firing range of the installation. On 17 December, about 200 troops with bathing apparel left the installation.

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6. On 21 December, Stalag I was occupied by a rocket launcher unit. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. On 8 December, a 132 mm rocket launcher was seen in the installation area. [redacted]
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7. On 21 December, Stalag II was occupied by a unit wearing red-bordered black epaulets. About 50 soldiers were constructing bunkers in the wooded area near Stalag II. On 17 December, about 50 soldiers left the installation and engaged in marksmanship training in the wooded area south of the installation. On 9 December, 12 wooden barriers at intervals of 4 meters were along the road to Frankenfoerde in the area of Stalag II. At every second interval was a traffic sign, for example one way only, speed limit 30 km per hour etc. [redacted] the area was being prepared for driving practice. From 26 November to 9 December, six watchtowers had been erected in the wooded area south of the installation. The watchtowers were lined up in a single row. The five bunkers available had been enlarged and had a length of 15 meters and a width of 7 meters. Five new bunkers were under construction.
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8. On 10 November, Stalag I was occupied by about 100 troops wearing red-bordered black and a few black-bordered black epaulets; and Stalag II was occupied by about 400 troops wearing red-bordered black and black-bordered black epaulets. [redacted]
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9. On 10 November, the former Norddeutsche Maschinenfabrik was occupied by about 400 to 600 troops wearing red-bordered black and black-bordered black epaulets. [redacted]
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10. On 4 January, the former Norddeutsche Maschinenfabrik was occupied by about 100 troops, including about 50 officers, some of them with signal insignia. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. On 29 December, 15 officers were observed at the entrance. Motor vehicle [redacted] was seen.¹
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11. On 4 January, Stalag I was occupied by a signal unit and an artillery unit of about 180 men. On 19 November, about 150 troops fell in in the barracks yard. On 16 December, about 40 troops practiced firing with rifles in a gravel pit about 300 meters east of the installation and, on 29 December, about 25 troops were seen drilling on the athletic field adjoining the quarters.
12. On 4 January, Stalag I was occupied by about 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Source believed they were recruits. On 16 December, about 40 troops engaged in marksmanship training south of the quarters and, on 29 December, about 30 troops were lined up in front of the quarters. Motor vehicle [redacted] was seen.²
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- 25X1A. [redacted] Comment. An officer instruction course of the Third Gds Mecz Army is believed stationed at the Norddeutsche Maschinenfabrik. However, the occupation strength could not be determined. [redacted]
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25X1. [redacted] Comment. The 91st Gds RL Regt of the Third Gds Mecz Army and a signal repair shop of the GOFG are confirmed in Stalags I and II. [redacted]
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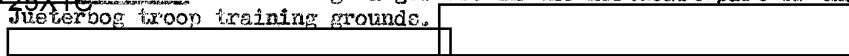


of paragraphs 5 to 7, a driving school may also be stationed there. An ammunition and fuel depot immediately northwest of Stalag II is known from previous reports. Similar installations apparently are being built also south of Stalags I and II.

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3. 25X1C Com ent. The firing ranges are in the northeast part of the Justerbog troop training grounds.

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